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Sen. Sanborn consistently votes his conservative constituency

Lansing – Assistant President Pro-Tempore, Sen. Alan Sanborn (R-Richmond) was the Senate's most consistent voter in 2003, a distinction he feels reflects his dedication to upholding the values of his constituents. Sanborn has demonstrated his commitment to represent the Macomb County residents who put him in office by not missing a vote since taking office, and by voting in a conservative fashion that he feels reflects the values of his constituency.

"My mission, since being sent to Lansing, has been to serve the people of Macomb County by representing their beliefs on each and every issue," Sanborn said. "My votes are a direct reflection of the input I have received from citizens of the 11th Senate District."

Sanborn took a conservative position on each of the 21 roll-call votes selected and tallied in a report by Michigan Information & Research Services, Michigan's oldest daily capitol newsletter, in determining the most conservative member of the Senate. He voted against every fee and tax increase offered, supported and sponsored several bills aimed at improving the state's business climate and economy, and maintained a strong pro-family position.

In addition to his committee work, Sanborn has been successful in personally sponsoring significant legislation signed into law in 2003, including:

- SB 118 (PA 15), which makes it a felony to impersonate a police officer in order to facilitate the commission of another crime.
- SB 651 (PA 309), part of a package making it illegal to purchase or possess large quantities of pseudoephedrine, a key ingredient in methamphetamine production.
- SB 821 (PA 251), which reauthorizes the MEGA tax credit program, and requires the Department of Treasury to audit companies to verify that the actual number of new jobs created is the same as the number of retained jobs used to calculate the job retention credit claimed for each tax year.
- SB 228 (PA 271), which prohibits importation and possession of genetically altered fish – reducing the risk of non-native species being introduced to state waters.

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- SB 508 (PA 268), which is part of a two bill package making it illegal for cemeteries, crematoriums and others to improperly dispose of a human body in Michigan.
- Senate Bill 23 (Public Act 29), which allows special assessments levied for police, fire, and advanced life support to be included in the calculation of the homestead property tax credit in certain cases, providing additional tax relief for residents of several Macomb County communities.
- SB 105 (PA 6), which clarifies how royalties from timber/mineral revenues are distributed to counties – eliminating differences between state and federal law.
- SB 530 (PA 54), which establishes a “POW/MIA Memorial Highway” on M-53 in Macomb County.

As the Senate returns this month, Sanborn is looking forward to continuing his efforts to improve the business and economic climate in Michigan, but his approach to state government is not likely to change.

“I will continue to work hard and advocate common sense, fiscally conservative government that meets the needs of Michigan residents without excess taxation and bureaucracy,” Sanborn said. “Macomb County expects and deserves nothing less.”

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